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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The sixty-sixth annual session of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened with the Jena Church, Jena, La., Thursday, October 31, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m.

After singing several soul-stirring songs, the President, Rev. E. O. Hearn, read an appropriate Scripture lesson, offered prayer and then declared the Conference open for business.

The Conference roll was called and the following brethren answered to their names: E. O. Hearn, President; W. W. Lantrip, Secretary, G. J. L. Brown, J. M. Owen, W. M. Platt, J. W. Terry, E. M. Mouser, J. C. Little, J. F. Reid, Mrs. M. E. Purdue, Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, I. A. Patton, P. A. Smart, J. R. Downs, H. P. Blakely, L. P. Moreland, J. H. Lewis, J. W. Lee, A. T. Ezell, W. S. Dunn, R. L. Gunter, E. A. Dennard.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary should correct the Conference roll, with the assistance of the President.

On motion the Conference Bar was fixed at the rear of the third window.

On motion all visiting brethren were invited to honorary seats in the Conference.

The President appointed the following committees:

On Credentials - E. M. Mouser, H. P. Blakely, J. W. Lee.

On Ministerial Reports: J. M. Owen, W. M. Platt, E. A. Dennard.

On Public Worship: J. R. Downs, M. H. Box, R. L. Gunter.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary be furnished with each delegate's credentials of election in time to prepare a roll of lay delegates to be called in the opening session of Conference.

On motion Conference adjourned for preaching.

Evening Session.

Devotional services were conducted by Bro. J. W. Terry, after which the roll was called.

On motion by E. M. Mouser, Section 6 of By-Laws requiring pastors to submit their reports to the commit-

tee on reports not later than the closing of the first day's session, was suspended until the close of the evening session of the second day.

By the request of the President the Secretary read the Rules of Order adopted by the Conference.

J. W. Terry, one of the Conference Missionaries, submitted his report, which was adopted and his character passed.

The President read his annual report before the Conference, which was adopted and his character passed: The report follows:

To the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Now Assembled in Regular Session, I beg to Submit This. My Annual Report:

I entered upon my official duties soon after the adjournment of the last Conference, and have continued in the discharge of same to the best of my ability, and as circumstances would permit, until now.

This has been a year of hardships and testings for our Church, owing to peculiar conditions that have confronted us. But I rejoice to know that God has blessed our efforts, and we believe it only remains for us to be true to God and the principles of our Church in order to prosper and be instrumental in the salvation of souls.

November 7, 1911, I officially released J. R. Downs from the Winnfield church and supplied same with G. W. Rockhold.

November 30 I appointed P. A. Smart pastor of Rice Circuit, with S. N. Jordan as associate.

December 13 I gave W. M. D. Gaar and J. L. McClendon letters of standing.

About December 20 I gave W. A. McCann a letter of standing.

December 9 I appointed B. F. Griffin, a local preacher, pastor of Queen City Circuit.

January 15 I appointed A. T. Ezell pastor of Winnsboro Circuit.

February 9 I gave W. P. Fowler a letter of standing. On the same day I released G. W. Rockhold from the Winnfield Church and gave him a letter of standing.

February 16, by mutual agreement between all parties concerned, I released B. F. Griffin from Roberts Class, and appointed J. W. Terry pastor of said Class.

In December I released C. W. Mason from West Carroll Circuit.

February 24 I gave Sidney Wallace a letter of standing.

March 23 I released M. S. Hollenshead from Pollock Circuit and appointed J. A. Wade to take his place.

April 29 I gave M. S. Hollenshead a letter of standing.

October 28 I gave A. B. Calk a letter of standing.

Our Needs.

1. We need more finances that those who labor for the Lord may be liberally compensated for their work.

2. We need more parsonages.

3. We need to be more systematic in church work.

4. Our people generally need to manifest a greater interest in the church and church work.

So, thanking you for the courtesies shown me during the year, I remain your humble servant.

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. HEARN.

Letters from J. A. Holt and T. E. Bickham were read before the Conference and their characters passed.

The President appointed as a committee on Itineracy and Orders, J. W. Terry, I. A. Patton and A. Deville.

The following named brethren submitted their reports, which were adopted and their characters passed: J. C. Little, J. F. Reid and A. Deville.

A motion prevailed by E. M. Mouser that all the members of the Conference—pastors, evangelists and conference missionaries—be required to make their annual reports in writing to the committee on Ministerial Reports.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet again Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION---SECOND DAY.

Conference met at 9:30, a. m. Devotional services were led by H. P. Blakely.

The President called the body to order and the roll was called by the Secretary. The minutes of the first day's deliberations were read and adopted.

Upon a recommendation of the committee on creden-

tials Sister Beck was seated as a delegate from Olla church.

On motion the Conference seated Elijah Lewis, the duly elected alternate, from Pollock Circuit.

H. P. Blakely read a report to the Conference representing his and his wife's labors during the year, which was adopted and their characters passed.

On motion Brother and Sister Hart, of Bentley, La., and Rev. Humphries, of the Winnfield M. E. Church, South, were introduced to the Conference and invited to honorary seats in the body.

The names of the following ministerial members were called, and on motion, their characters were passed: A. J. McDaniel, W. F. Fordham, Mrs. E. J. Malone, C. W. Mason, G. C. Gaar, A. G. Austin.

On motion the names of C. W. Sherman and Floyd Williams were placed on the unstationed list and their characters passed.

The names of J. B. Blackburn and J. T. Dickinson were dropped from the roll upon the understanding that they had changed their church relationships without giving notice to this body.

On motion the moral character of John T. Smith was passed.

On motion the character of R. L. Gunter was passed.

By a standing vote of the Conference P. A. Smart was elected Statistical Secretary.

On motion Bros. Gray and Smith, of Pollock, were invited to honorary seats in the Conference.

On motion the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. was set apart for the election of Conference officers.

On motion the Conference adjourned for preaching.

EVENING SESSION--SECOND DAY.

Conference came together as per adjournment. Devotional services were conducted by E. M. Mouser.

On motion the roll call was omitted and the regular order of business taken up.

On motion the action of the morning session, fixing the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. for the election of Conference officers, was rescinded and the time extended to 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday.

By request of the President letters from G. C. Gaar and Floyd Williams were read before the Conference.

On motion the character of A. J. Vallery was passed. The appointment of the following committees were announced to the Conference:

On Revision of By-Laws—E. M. Mouser, P. A. Smart, H. P. Blakely.

On Education—A. J. Vallery, J. W. Lee, W. O. McKithen, J. R. Conn.

On Periodicals—F. L. Shows, Harry Eagles, E. J. Vallery, W. S. Dunn, W. J. Crow.

On Sabbath Observance—P. A. Smart, J. E. Wilhite, L. H. Swayzie, W. W. Harris.

On Temperance—H. P. Blakely, J. H. Lewis, A. T. Ezell, J. M. Megison.

On Finance—W. W. McDonald, J. T. Spurlock, Elijah Lewis, M. H. Box.

On Official Character—G. J. L. Brown, W. M. Platt, J. F. Reid.

On Missions—J. C. Hearn, Mrs. M. E. Perdue, Miss Johnnie Dance, W. L. Edwards, W. W. Mann.

On Thanks—Mrs. M. E. Perdue, Miss Edlie Martin, Miss Emma Stout.

A partial report of the committee on Ministerial Reports was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on pastor's reports, beg leave to submit the following: We have examined the reports of the ministers as below mentioned, and recommend the adoption of the same, together with the passage of their official and moral character: B. F. Griffin, J. W. Terry, A. T. Ezell, I. A. Patton, E. M. Mouser, J. H. Lewis, A. B. Calk, W. S. Dunn, J. M. Owen, P. A. Smart, E. A. Denard, M. E. Bartlett, M. E. Perdue, W. M. Platt, W. P. Mason, F. L. Shows, L. H. Swayzie, L. P. Moreland, G. J. L. Brown, J. C. Hearn, J. F. Hearn.

J. M. OWEN, Chm.,

W. M. PLATT,

E. A. DENARD.

E. M. Mouser made an urgent request that the Conference adopt "The Methodist Protestant" paper as the Conference organ, and that our people subscribe for it.

E. J. Vallery's name was called and his character passed.

On motion the Conference adjourned until Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION---THIRD DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. M. Platt. The roll was then called, after which the minutes of the second day's session were read and adopted.

A letter from Mrs. E. R. Bridger was read to the Conference, in which she requested that she be granted a letter of good standing. Her request was granted.

The committee on Sabbath Observance submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

To the Louisiana Annual Conference of the M. P. Church:

We, your committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to submit our report. Whereas, we see the Sabbath of the Lord so foully desecrated, bringing reproach upon the Church, and

Whereas, this desecration being in various forms and ways, and

Whereas, we feel that the running and operation of machines, public works, horse racing, ball playing, fishing, hunting, etc., are the most practiced by our people generally, and by some of our church members, therefore

Be It Resolved that this Conference denounce all works of any kind that would deprive the laboring man of church privileges.

Be it Further Resolved: That we invite all Christian churches, especially our sister churches of the Southern Methodist family and the Missionary Baptists, to co-operate with us in denouncing this evil.

Be it Further Resolved: That the executive officer of each church so engaged co-operate and unite and send a joint petition to our lawmakers, asking in the name of the churches and for the sake of Christ and His cause, to enact laws for the protection of the Sabbath of the Lord.

Be It Further Resolved: That each church and pastor look after their own members in the vices of ball playing, horse-racing, hunting, fishing, etc., and

follow our Discipline, as in other offenses against the rules of the church and the Word of God.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. SMART,
J. E. WILHITE,
W. W. HARRIS,
L. H. SWAYZIE.

We, your committee on temperance, beg to report the following:—We are truly in sympathy with every move that has ever been made against intemperance in other places and under other names, as well as under the name of the Methodist Protestant Church, and are glad to state that good has been accomplished in many or all of them. But with the sad facts before us of the many cunning tricks worked by the opponents of temperance to defeat our every effort and to carry on its terrific work of destruction we are made to shudder.

The enemy of temperance devises new plans each year in that it gets up new drinks, most or all which have more or less caffeine, the extract of coco leaves, or some other poison. And besides this the jug trade and the blind tiger are making a strong effort to fill the place of the the saloon in our so-called dry towns.

And the whisky evil is not all. Tobacco, in its various forms, is sapping the life-blood from our young men. We recommend that this Conference endorse the work of the Anti-Saloon League of Louisiana and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

We further recommend that our preachers preach not less than one sermon at each point of preaching on the subject of temperance during the Conference year.

We close our report with an appeal to this Conference. Don't you hear the rumblings of the awful mills of intemperance as they grind on amid the shrieks and groans of the blighted nations of earth as they stand the victim of intemperance? Be still, we think we hear too the distant cries of the many yet unborn as they are afflicted by the awful curse of intemperance. Let us cry against the first drink, as that is the pleading of Divinity.

H. P. BLAKELEY,
J. H. LEWIS,
A. T. EZELL,
J. M. MEGISON.

Dr. F. C. Clien, Secretary and Treasurer of the

Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced to the Conference and invited to an honorary seat.

The Committee on Thanks submitted their report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, with the understanding that the chairman of the committee read the report just before preaching Sunday night. The report follows:

We, the ministers, delegates, visiting brothers and sisters to this Conference, do most cordially tender our thanks to all the good people of Jena and vicinity for their generous, loyal Christian hospitality and cheerful manner in which we were received and entertained in their homes during this session of the Annual Conference.

We assure each of them that we, as a body, will cherish their memory and they will have a warm place in our hearts, and will be lovingly remembered at a throne of grace.

We also wish to thank Bro. J. R. Downs for his untiring efforts as manifested in the interest of all in attendance. We wish further to tender our thanks to the officials of the L. & A. Railway, the T. & G. Railway, the L. R. & N. Railway companies for their complimentary passes granted our pastors and evangelists who have worked along their lines.

We also ask that these expressions of thanks be published in the Jena Times and the LaSalle Ledger.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. BARTLETT,
EMMA STOUT.

The committee on itineracy and orders submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We, your committee on itineracy and orders, recommend, after examination, that the following names be placed under the stationing authority: B. F. Griffin, L. W. Smart, Milton Kidd, C. W. Johnson.

We further recommend that B. F. Griffin, L. W. Smart and Milton Kidd be placed in the first year's course of study, and that C. W. Johnson be received in full connection, having been ordained by the Presbytery of the Free Methodist Church.

J. W. TERRY,
I. A. PATTON,
A. DEVILLE.

On motion of A. W. Stewart the president cast the

Conference ballot for W. W. Lantrip for Conference Secretary.

On motion of J. M. Owen the president cast the Conference ballot for E. M. Mouser for Conference Steward.

A. J. Vallery submitted his report for the Rescue Home (Good Samaritan) at Monroe, La. Report adopted.

On motion Conference adjourned for preaching.

The committee on Missions submitted their report to the Conference, and after some discussion the report was not adopted.

The committee on Education submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Education, wish to submit the following report. We ask that this Conference adopt the last year's report of the Committee on Education as printed in the minutes of the 1911 session. And further more, we recommend the Westminster College, of Teahucana, Texas, it being an institution of our Church.

We ask that more emphasis be put on the importance of ministerial education, because of a dire need which manifests itself in various ways. Our ministers feel it, our people see it and the world demands it. We are thankful to God that He has put it into the hearts of some of our consecrated men to establish schools which are proficient in preparing young ministers for the duties which devolve upon them in their fields of labor. We further urge that this body insist that steps in that direction be taken at once, since tomorrow will be freighted with more responsibilities and perplexities than those of to-day.

We recommend the Hudson Holiness College, which is located almost at our doors, which has proven itself successful in sending out students that are living advertisements. We also recommend the Trevecca College, located at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. VALLERY,
J. W. LEE,
J. R. CONN,
W. O. MCKITHEN.

The Committee on Ministerial Reports submitted a supplementary report as below, which was adopted:

We have examined the reports of the following named brethren and recommend the adoption of their reports, including the passage of their moral and official characters: W. W. Lantrip, J. W. Lee, R. L. Gunter, Mrs. Arah Wilson, J. A. Wade, J. R. Downs, J. H. Lewis, J. M. Owen, W. M. Platt, E. A. Dennard.

On motion of E. M. Mouser 7 o'clock p. m. was given to Dr. Clien to represent the general interest of the church.

The hour for electing Conference officers having arrived the president appointed E. M. Mouser, W. W. McDonald and W. H. Head as tellers of the election.

Rev. E. O. Hearn was elected president upon the first ballot, and upon motion his election was made unanimous by a rising vote.

On motion Dr. J. C. Williams, president of the Westminster College, of Tehuacana, Texas, was introduced to the Conference and invited to an honorary seat in the body.

On motion the hour of 2:30 p. m. was set apart to hear Dr. Williams upon the subject of education in the interest of his college.

A motion was offered by E. M. Mouser to abolish the committee on examination, giving the work and duties of said committee to the committee on itineracy and orders. The motion was lost.

A motion was offered by A. J. Vallery to dispense with the committee on pastor's reports, and that all members of the Conference read their reports in open Conference, or have them read in response to the calling of their names by the Secretary.

On motion the action of the first day's proceedings regarding pastors reports was rescinded.

The committee on temperance submitted their report, which was read and adopted as follows:

EVENING SESSION---THIRD DAY

Conference met at 2 o'clock p. m. Devotional services were conducted by E. A. Dennard. On motion roll call was omitted.

Dr. Clien delivered greetings from the several Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church in other states to this Conference, and upon motion this Confer-

ence joined in sending greetings to all other Conferences of our denomination by the general officers.

According to previous arrangements at 2:30 p. m., Dr. Williams addressed the Conference in the interest of his college at Tehuacana, Texas, to the great delight and admiration of all.

The committee on by-laws submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

We have carefully examined the by-laws as adopted by our last annual Conference and do not deem it necessary to make any changes. We recommend the adoption of the by-laws as published in the 1911 minutes.

E. M. MOUSER,

H. P. BLAKELY,

P. A. SMART.

Sister Johnson, from Mississippi, was introduced to the Conference, and her letter of standing and transfer were handed to the committee on itineracy and orders.

Committee on periodicals submitted their report as below, which was adopted:

We, your committee on periodicals, beg leave to report as follows: We urge the ministers and preachers of this Conference to subscribe for the Methodist Protestant, the general organ of our Church, and further that they solicit subscriptions for the same and speak publicly to the people of our Conference along this line.

We further recommend that as this Conference stands greatly in need of a local organ near home, in which we can give our testimonies, as well as our official reports, that we adopt the Christian Standard as such for the present.

We further recommend that in adopting this report that it becomes obligatory upon the pastors to report at least once each quarter through one of these papers.

We further recommend that our pastors urge their people to read the Discipline of our Church in order that they may become more intelligent Methodist Protestants. Respectfully submitted,

F. L. SHOWS,

E. J. VALLERY,

HARRY EAGLES,

W. J. CROW,

W. S. DUNN.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet again Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION---FOURTH DAY

Conference met at 8:30 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by A. J. Vallery.

The roll was called and the minutes of the third day's deliberations read and adopted.

The committee on examination submitted their report, which was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on examination, desire to report that C. W. Mason, E. A. Dennard, Mrs. H. P. Blakely and T. E. Beckham be continued in the First Year Course; and that L. H. Swayzie, J. H. Lewis, R. L. Gunter, J. A. Wade and G. C. Gaar be promoted to the Second Year Course, and that Mrs. Arah Wilson be continued in the Second Year Course.

We further recommend that L. P. Moreland, A. T. Ezell, W. S. Dunn and W. A. Holt be placed in the Third Year Course.

We recommend also that all who have regular work be granted annual license to administer the ordination.

We further recommend that J. W. Lee be ordained Elder in the Methodist Protestant Church.

We further recommend that this Conference make it obligatory on each person to pursue the course of study as recommended in our book of Discipline, or its equivalent, and also that each student be required to meet the committee one day prior to Conference, otherwise they will be required to render a satisfactory excuse to the committee. Respectfully submitted,

E. M. MOUSER,

G. J. L. BROWN.

A motion was offered by A. J. Vallery that the Conference elect the board of directors for the Rescue Home at Monroe, La.

On motion the president appointed Bros. A. J. Vallery, G. J. L. Brown and W. H. Head a committee to create the board of directors for the Rescue Home for the ensuing year.

A motion prevailed that the Conference appoint a suitable man as soliciting agent for the Rescue Home.

The committee on itineracy and orders submitted report, which was read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Itineracy and Orders, sub-

mit this our supplementary report. We have referred to us the name of Sister Ada Johnson, a member of the Mississippi Conference, who has a transfer from said Conference signed by Rev. R. H. M. Watson, president of said Conference, and countersigned by Rev. E. O. Hearn, president of the Louisiana Conference. Therefore, we recommend that her name be placed on the roll under the stationing authority, and that she be placed in the First Year Course.

J. W. TERRY,
L. A. PATTON,
A. DEVILLE,

The committee on missions made report as below, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Missions, submit our report. As the growth and prosperity of our Church depends largely upon our missionary spirit and effort, both at home and abroad, we urge that the subject of missions be more fully agitated by our pastors and people. Therefore, we offer the following suggestions:

That each pastor preach at each appointment during this Conference year on church extension, home and foreign missions. We also recommend that each pastor hold Easter and Children's Day services at as many points as possible. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HEARN,
W. W. MANN,
W. L. EDWARDS,
M. E. PERDUE,
JOHNNIE DANCE.

The corresponding members of the Foreign Mission Board were elected by the Conference as follows: P. A. Smart, J. C. Hearn and W. H. Head.

In selecting the place for the next session of the Annual Conference Monroe, Chatham and Ansley were placed in nomination. Ansley was elected, and on motion, was made unanimous by a standing vote.

The committee appointed to create a board of directors for the Rescue Home at Monroe, La., submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We, your committee, recommend, the following as directors to serve the Home of the Good Samaritan: A. J. Vallery, president; O. B. Morton, secretary-

treasurer; G. B. Haynes, J. M. Keller, W. R. Mitchell, O. P. Slack, A. W. Stewart, G. C. Nelson, W. W. McDonald, G. J. L. Brown, W. H. Head.

A motion was offered that the debt incurred by the delegates to the General Conference to the amount of \$78.00 be referred to the committee on finance, and apportioned to the several circuits, and collected by the pastors within sixty days. Motion adopted.

A motion prevailed to take an offering for the secretary, which amounted to \$19.60.

The following committees were announced to the Conference:

On Examination—E. M. Mouser, G. J. L. Brown, J. W. Terry.

On Standing District Committees—W. W. Lantrip, J. M. Owen, W. W. McDonald, W. H. Head, A. W. Stewart.

A motion was made by J. F. Reid to divide the district into three parts for sub-district meetings. The motion was lost.

Monroe and Chatham were the places nominated to hold the District Conference, to meet at 10 o'clock, a. m., June 27, 1913. Chatham was elected.

A motion was offered by A. W. Stewart that the assessment fixed upon the Conference by the general Conference for the support of colleges, be applied to the Westminster College, at Tehaucana, Texas. Motion adopted.

A motion prevailed that the annual Conference meet on Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m.

On motion the Conference adjourn for preaching.

EVENING SESSION---FOURTH DAY.

Conference met at 2 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted E. J. Vallery. On motion the roll call was omitted.

The Statistical Secretary submitted his report to the Conference, which was adopted as read.

A motion prevailed that the Conference endorse the action of L. H. Swayzie, pastor of Mangham Mission, in applying \$51.00 of the money raised on said mission for church extension in purchasing a church building in the bounds of said mission.

The committee on finance made their report, which was adopted as follows:

We, your committee on finance, beg to report as below:

We ask that the president's salary be fixed at \$800, and that the circuits be assessed as follows to raise the same: Antioch, \$30; Arcadia, \$40; Ansley, \$65; Carroll, \$45; Grayson, \$50; Hicks 35; Dodson, \$40; Jena, \$40; Jonesboro, \$50; Gibsland, \$20; Lone Star, \$30; Mt. Nebo, \$40; Monroe, \$30; Plain Dealing, \$20; Pollock, \$65; Queen City, \$20; Rice, \$40; Spring Lake, \$40; Winnfield, \$10; Winnsboro, \$20; West Carroll, \$24; Lewis, \$15; Mangham Mission, \$15.

We also recommend that each member be assessed 35 cents for Conference claims, and that we assess each member 10 cents to pay expense of delegates to the General Conference. We wish to call special attention to the fact that Tuesday following the second Sunday in September is our Work Day, the proceeds to be turned over to the secretary-treasurer of the Board of Church Extension Work.

W. H. HEAD,
W. W. McDONALD,
M. H. BOX,
J. T. SPURLOCK.

The Conference Steward submitted his report to the body, which was adopted as read.

On motion the amount collected for superannuated ministers was divided between Bros. A. G. Austin and W. M. Platt.

On motion W. W. Lantrip and E. M. Mouser were added to the Board of Church Extension.

On motion Sister M. E. Perdue was elected to preach the opening sermon at the next annual Conference.

A motion prevailed that the president write a letter of explanation and apology to Bro. W. P. Fowler, of Oak Grove, La., for the action taken in his case at the last Conference, believing that the mistake was the result of a misunderstanding.

An offering was taken up for the publication of the minutes, amounting to \$16.80.

The Conference roll was called for the purpose of ascertaining an effective list of ministers and preachers. Every member answered "effective."

On motion the hour for ordination was fixed at 7 o'clock p. m., just before preaching.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet again after preaching for a night session.

NIGHT SESSION--FOURTH DAY.

Conference was called to order by the president.

On motion E. M. Mouser was elected fraternal messenger to the Arkansas Conference and A. J. Vallery to the Mississippi Conference.

The committee on Church Extension submitted report as below, which was adopted:

We, your committee on Church Extension, beg leave to say that we have on hand \$63.91, and we have appropriated this amount to the Winnfield church that it may be insured. Respectfully submitted.

A. W. STEWART,
W. W. McDONALD,
W. W. LANTRIP,
E. M. MOUSER.

The president appointed W. W. McDonald, W. H. Head and A. W. Stewart as a committee on appeals:

The stationing committee submitted their report as follows, which was adopted:

Jonesboro circuit—Jonesboro, Antioch, Centerpoint and Dodson, J. M. Owen, pastor.

Ansley circuit—Ansley, Quitman and Ruston: unsupplied.

Arcadia circuit—Spring Hill, Cross Roads; L. P. Moreland, pastor.

Hudson circuit—Hudson, New Hope and Union Hill; J. F. Reid, pastor.

Hicks circuit—Mt. Zion, Couley, Atlanta and Colfax; J. W. Lee, pastor.

Winnfield Station—Mrs. Arah Wilson, pastor.

Jena circuit—Jena, Selma, Olla and Sand Spur; G. J. L. Brown, pastor.

Lewis circuit—Lewis' Chapel, Welcome Home, Damacus and Fish Creek; J. H. Lewis, pastor.

Big Creek Mission—Mrs. Kitchingham, pastor.

Winnboro circuit—Winnboro, Cedar Grove, Gilbert, Bulah and Chase; Milton Kidd, pastor.

Mangham Mission—Stout's View, Robinson School House, Mrs. Ada Johnson, pastor.

Shreveport Mission—Unsupplied.

Plaindealing circuit—Concord, Union Grove and Hall's Summit; unsupplied.

West Carroll circuit—Forest, Locust Grove and Kilbourne; L. W. Smart, pastor.

Monroe Station—F. L. Shows, pastor.

Marion Mission—W. M. Platt, pastor.

Queen City circuit—Courtland, Ferry's Chapel and Roberts; H. P. Blakely and wife, pastors

Pollock circuit—Clear Creek, Springhill and Bentley; E. M. Mouser, pastor.

Concord circuit—Concord, Chatham, Union and Eros; I. A. Patton, pastor.

Lone Star circuit—Sardis, Counter Line and Oak Grove; P. A. Smart, pastor.

Rice circuit—Mt. Pleasant, Zoar, Luna and Union Grove; W. S. Dunn, pastor.

Mt. Nebo circuit—Mt. Nebo, Bethel, Mt. Ariel and Mt. Averett; A. T. Ezell, pastor.

Grayson circuit—Grayson, Shilo, Kelly and Bill's Creek; J. C. Hearn, pastor.

Spring Lake circuit—Bethlehem and Shilo; C. W. Johnson, pastor.

Randolph Mission—W. P. Mason, pastor.

Morehouse Mission—Hughes' Chapple; L. H. Swayzie, pastor.

Antioch circuit—Head's School House, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Grove; S. N. Jordan, pastor.

Caddo Mission—B. F. Griffin, pastor.

Ball Mission—Ball and Bethel; unsupplied.

Gibbsland circuit—Gibbsland, White's School House, Saline and Providence; E. A. Dennard, pastor.

Evangelists—Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, Mrs. M. E. Perdue, Mrs. E. J. Malone and W. W. Lantrip (by instructions of the president).

Manager Rescue Home, Monroe, La.—A. J. Vallery.

Soliciting Field Agent for the Rescue Home, Monroe, La.—J. R. Downs.

North Louisiana and Red River Mission—Hall Summit; J. W. Terry, pastor.

Left in the hands of the President—W. F. Fordham, J. C. Littel, E. J. Vallery, J. F. Hearn, Jno. T. Smith, D. T. Ponder, C. W. Mason, G. C. Gaar, T. E. Beckham, R. L. Gunter, J. A. Wade, A. Deville.

The minutes of last day's session were read and approved.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, November 13, 1913.

E. O. HEARN, President.

W. W. LANTRIP, Secretary.

BY-LAWS

Sec. 1. No delegates shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference without proper credentials, or other satisfactory evidence of his election; and in the case of alternate, the certificate shall so express it.

Sec. 2. Delegates of the Annual Conference shall be elected from members in good standing and in full membership, over the age of eighteen years. In circuits, stations and missions, it shall be the duty of the pastor to designate the time and place, and give notice of the election. The election shall be held under the direction of the Stewards; and they shall act as judges of the election, and cause the same to be returned to the Fourth Quarterly Conference, there to be compiled and consolidated. The person or persons receiving a plurality vote shall be declared duly elected delegate or delegates, and next highest shall be declared alternate or alternates, and receive certificates accordingly, provided that in case of a tie, members of Quarterly Conference by a majority vote, shall decide, and provided further, that in case the delegate and alternate, elected from any work, are providentially hindered from attending the Annual Conference to which they were elected, then the pastor in charge shall have the right to appoint a suitable person to represent such work in the Conference.

Sec. 3. No person shall be elected to orders except he be a man of exceptional moral character, genuine piety, respectable attainment, and sound in the belief of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, and faithful in the discharge of Gospel duties.

Sec. 4. No minister in good health shall be left without ministerial work for more than one year; at the end of which time he shall resume his itinerant labors, or be transferred to the unstationed list, and if so transferred shall receive a certificate of his standing.

This rule shall apply to any minister so transferred, provided he at his own request, may locate by vote of the Conference.

Sec. 5. No minister or preacher appointed to a circuit, station or mission, shall cease from labors assigned him by the stationing authority until his term of service shall have expired, except by consent of the President, for reason, by him deemed sufficient.

Sec. 6. The President shall furnish each pastor with blank Pastors reports ten days prior to each session of the Conference, and each pastor shall give a report of his labors in disciplinary form and submit same to Committee on Reports not later than close of the morning session of first day. Should any pastor fail to discharge his duties herein set forth, and made obligatory upon him by the discipline, such failure shall be sufficient cause for a reprimand by the Conference for first offense, and location by a vote of the Conference for the second offense.

Sec. 7. The Board of Stewards of each charge shall, soon after the adjournment of the Annual Conference, meet and in committee with the pastor, make the assessments as required by the Discipline and By-Laws, proportion same to the several classes and see that same is collected in due time, and paid over to the proper persons or boards to receive same, taking receipts therefor.

Sec. 8. On all subjects involving the financial interest of the church, no one shall be entitled to a vote except those who are eighteen years of age, and are contributing members in full membership.

Sec. 9. Any member twenty-one years of age, and in good standing and in full membership for one year, is eligible to any office in the church, and as a delegate to the Annual Conference, provided, that where a church, circuit, station or mission, has no member of said age, they may place in office in the church, or elect as delegate to the Annual Conference such as are not twenty-one years of age and such as have not been members one year.

Sec. 10. Due notice shall be given previous to any action to be taken that involves the financial interest of the church.

Sec. 11. The term of office of Conference Steward shall be one year.

Sec. 12. The Conference Steward shall be required to receive and hold all moneys collected for the various benevolent purposes from the different charges, also Conference collections.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the Conference Steward to settle all incidental expenses of the Conference out of the Conference collections during its session, and present the remainder to the Conference for disbursement.

Sec. 14. He shall pay over to the different boards, or the persons authorized to receive same, all money received for the various benevolent purposes, taking receipt, and of which and other business in his hands shall make a proper exhibit to the Conference during the session at which he was appointed, also at the expiration of his term of office.

Sec. 15. Each pastor shall call the attention of each class under his charge quarterly to the amount of his assessment for the current year made by the Stewards. In failure of which class Stewards will not be held responsible for the pastor's part of said assessment.

Sec. 16. There shall be appointed at each session of the Annual Conference a minister or preacher to preach an opening sermon at the sitting of the next annual session.

Sec. 17. The proceedings of the Annual Conference shall be recorded by the Secretary, and properly arranged for printing in the annual minutes, for which he shall receive a reasonable compensation, and the minutes shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

Sec. 18. The Secretary shall take charge of all books, journals, records and proceedings of Conference and transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

Sec. 19. The President shall be the stationing authority of this Conference, calling to his aid, as council, one layman from each work represented.

Sec. 20. In stationing the ministers and preachers there shall not be given to any one an appointment, who in the opinion of a majority of the members, is incompetent to the duties thereof, or who they believe will neglect the appointments, and such ministers and preachers may be transferred by Conference to the unstationed list, provided, that no minister or preacher,

who, in the judgment of the Conference is entitled to a superannuated relationship shall be transferred.

Sec. 22. It shall be the duty of the President to see that deeds be taken to all the church property belonging to the Methodist Protestant Church in the Louisiana District and have same recorded.

Sec. 22. These By-Laws can only be changed, altered or amended by giving two days's notice in open Conference of such change, alteration or amendment, and it will require a two-thirds vote of the members belonging to that session of the conference.

RULES OF ORDER

Sec. 1. The Conference shall meet at 10 a. m. and adjourn at 11 a. m., meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure.

Sec. 2. The President shall take the chair on time, and cause the Conference, to be opened with religious services.

Sec. 3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference, but in case of such an appeal, the question will be taken without debate.

Sec. 4. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

Sec. 5. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference, he shall distinctively announce the member to whom it is assigned.

Sec. 6. All motions and resolutions shall be written, if the President and Secretary request.

Sec. 7. When a motion is seconded or a resolution introduced and seconded, or a report presented, and is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover with consent of the Conference any time before the amendment or decision.

Sec. 8. All motions to postpone or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Sec. 9. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions should intervene, which shall have preference in the order in which they

are placed, namely: First, indefinite postponement; second, laying on the table; third referred to a committee; fourth, postponement to a given time; fifth, substitute; sixth, amendment. A substitute or amendment may be amended.

Sec. 10. When any member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall arise and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Sec. 11. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

Sec. 12. When a member wishes to speak to a question of privilege he shall briefly state question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall have decided it a privileged question.

Sec. 13. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than ten minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak have spoken, provided, however, that the mover of a resolution, or a committee making report, shall in all cases be entitled to five minutes to close the debate.

Sec. 14. When any motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the Conference, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration, but a motion to reconsider is non-debatable motion and shall be decided without debate.

Sec. 15.* No member shall absent himself from the Conference without leave, unless he is sick and unable to attend.

Sec. 16. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar when such question is put by the President, except by the leave of the Conference, when he has been necessarily absent.

Sec. 17. Every member who is in the bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

Sec. 18. It shall be in order for any member to call for the yeas and nays on any question before the Conference, and if the call be sustained by one-third of the members present, the vote thereon shall be taken by the yeas and nays.

Sec. 19. It shall be in order to move that the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending before the Conference, except in cases in which character is involved, and if sustained by a vote of two-thirds, the question shall be so taken.

Sec. 20. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

Sec. 21. The President shall appoint the chairman of committees on subjects of general interest and notify said chairman of his appointment at least ten days before each session of Conference.

Sec. 22. The committee on examinations shall be appointed one year in advance and shall meet at place of next Annual Conference one day prior to the convening of that body, and that the undergraduates meet said committee for the purpose of being examined in their studies.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES

1. A Christian church is a society of believers in Jesus Christ, and is of divine institution.

2. Christ is the only head of the church, and the Word of God the only rule of faith and practice.

3. No person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ, and obeys the Gospel of God, our Savior, ought to be deprived of church membership.

4. Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment in matters of religion, and an equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellow-men.

5. Church trials should be conducted on Gospel principles only, and no minister or member should be excommunicated except for immorality, the propagation of unchristian doctrines, or for the neglect of duties enjoined by the word of God.

6. The pastoral or ministerial office and duties are of Divine appointment, and all elders of the church of God are equal, but ministers are forbidden to be lords

over God's heritage, or to have dominion over the faith of the Saints.

7. The church has the right to form and enforce such rules and regulations as is inherit in the ministerial and members of the church, but so much of the power may be delegated from time to time, upon a plan of representation, as they may judge necessary and proper.

8. It is the duty of all ministers and members of the church to maintain godliness, and to oppose all moral evil.

8. It is obligatory on ministers of the Gospel to be faithful in the discharge of their pastoral and ministerial duties, and it is also obligatory on its members to esteem ministers highly for their work's sake, and to render a righteous compensation for their labors.

10. The church ought to secure at all her official bodies the necessary authority for the purpose of good government, but she has no right to create any distinct or independent sovereignties.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CIRCUIT	PASTORS	No. Classes at Beginning	No. Classes at Present	Church Buildings at Beginning	Church Buildings at Present	No. Members at Beginning	No. Adults Baptized	No. Infants Baptized	No. Probationers	Total No. Accessions	No. Withdrawals	No. Deaths	Net Increase	No. Ministers	No. Preachers	No. Parsonages at Beginning	No. Parsonages at Present	No. Sunday Schools at Beginning	No. Sunday Schools at Present	No. Teachers	No. Scholars	Value of Church Property	Pastors' Salary Assessment	Pastors' Salary Assessment Paid	President's Salary Assessment	President's Salary Assessment Paid	Home Mission Assessment	Home Mission Assessment Paid	Foreign Mission Assessment	Foreign Mission Assessment Paid	Ministerial Ed. Assessment	Ministerial Ed. Assessment Paid	Superannuated Ministers Assessment	Special Work Day Paid	Rescue Home Paid	Incidental Collections		
Concord	Isaac Patton	4	4	3	3	180					1		1					2	2	2	60	\$ 2000	\$ 272 50	\$ 240 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 15 45	\$ 9 00	\$ 9 00	\$ 9 00	\$ 9 00			\$ 9 00	\$12 00		\$1 00		
Lone Star	W. S. Dunn	4	4	4	4	118					3							1		2	30	700	150 00	52 82	30 00	11 00	5 90	5 90	5 90	5 90						55		
Spring Lake	L. P. Moreland	2	2			175						4						1				1200	50 00	104 90	20 00		8 75	8 75	8 75	10 00								
Roberts Class	J. W. Terry	1	1			27					10									4	35		50 00	51 21	5 00		1 50	1 50	1 50					5 00				
Antioch	J. F. Hearn	4	4	4	4	153	12			16	1	14						1				600	125 00	92 95	30 00	28 70					1 50					1 00		
Randolph Mission	W. P. Mason	1	1	1	1	10					2							1	1	3	16	400	75 00	85 00		12 00	1 00							2 75				
	J. W. Lee, Associate																																					
Winnsboro	A. T. Ezell	3	3			113												1			25	25	4 00	24 00	17 00	5 65		5 65			5 65		5 65	5 65	10			
Ansley	E. M. Mouser	3	3	2	2	110	13			27	1	25						2	2	8	50	2000	535 00	360 00	65 00	65 00	5 50	7 00	5 50	8 00	5 50	7 00	3 00	11 00	6 00	3 50		
Queen City	B. F. Griffin	4	3	2	2	132				4	9							1	1	8	105	1400	150 00	66 00	25 00	9 50												
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Quachita	W. M. Platt	1	1	1	1	5				11		10									75																	
Jonesboro	A. B. Calk	4	4	3	3	220				12	40	1						1	1	1	4	1500	345 00	335 45	65 00	50 40												
Rice	P. A. Smart	4	4	3	3	230	1	2		2	2							1	1	2	9	85	1200	80 00	40 00	30 40		2 30										
	S. N. Jordan, Associate																																					
Gibbsland	E. A. Dennard	3	3	2	2	42				3	1	2									1000	120 00	64 50	18 00		6 50			2 15									
Jena	J. R. Downs	5	8	4	4	295	14			45		44						3	5	15	145	2600	175 00	29 00	25 50		3 00		4 75									
	J. H. Lewis, Associate																																					
Hicks	W. W. Lantrip	4	4	4	4	239				8	2	3						1	1	1	3	20	1500	300 00	193 90	35 00	18 20		3 20		4 00							
Pollock	J. A. Wade	6	6	6	6	202	37	4		58		55						2	2	3	5	22	185	6000	525 00	60 00	96 00		4 02		4 02							
Dodson	J. W. Lee	4	3	3	3	141					25											1100		66 75	40 00	17 10												
Grayson	G. J. L. Brown	3	3	4	4	85	2			3	1							2	2	8	125	1700	250 00	310 00	50 00	22 54	4 25	3 00	4 25	8 11								
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P. A. SMART, Secretary of Statistics.